

Book of Hebrews chapter 10

Hebrews 10:1-7 (ESV)

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

The Writer to the Hebrews again tells us about the sacrifices and offerings again here.

Then He quotes from the Book of Psalms...

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

Let's read that quote from Psalm 40:6-8 (NASB)

Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; ***My ears You have opened***; Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. ⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."

David tells us the Messiah's "ears were opened" to the revelation that the sacrifices and offerings prescribed in the Law of Moses were not the perfect sacrifices! So, He came to do The Father's Will and offer Himself as a perfect Sacrifice!

Hebrews 10:8 - 10 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

He shows us how important and how powerful Jesus' Sacrifice on Calvary was!

Hebrews 10:11 - 13 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

This is very important... he makes it very clear that Jesus' Sacrificial Offering was done only once and then He sat down because it was "finished"...

Hebrews 10:14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Now, this is very important too...

We know that our bodies are not perfected... that will take place in the Resurrection. And, we know that our minds are not perfect... Paul tells us that we need to "daily be renewed in our minds" too!

So, how are we are perfected for all time?

It is in our spirit, that's where! And The Holy Spirit dwells within us and is "one" with us in our spirit.

Hebrews 10:15 – 18 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," ¹⁷ then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The Writer brings us back to Jeremiah 31:31-34 again reminding us that the New Covenant is written in our hearts and not on tablets of stone!

Hebrews 10:19 - 22 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that

is, through his flesh,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Now, we can come to God the Father at any time we want to! We don't have to wait for a special holy day! We confidently come to Him with a heart full of assurance that He loves us and wants to hear us!

Hebrews 10:23 – 25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

So, if we can draw near to Him we should also stay close to each other and encourage one another not to “forsake the fellowship of the saints”... Especially as the end is drawing nearer!

Hebrews 10:26 – 31 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?³⁰ For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.”³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

We are reminded that The Lord is Good but He is also a Judge... Look at Romans 11:22 (KJV) “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.” We cannot play with our Salvation or take it for granted!

Hebrews 10:32 – 35 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.³⁴ For you had compassion on those in

prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Here the Writer is reminding the Hebrew Christians of the suffering, etc. that have gone through already and he encourages them not to “throw that all away”...

Hebrews 10:36 – 39 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.³⁷ For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

We shall walk by Faith! The Writer tells them that he has confidence in them... And, The Lord Jesus has confidence in you!

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”